

MALAYA - STRAITS SETTLEMENTS

Penang

May/June 1892

Unpaid letter from Penang, Straits Settlements, Malaya to Tirupati, India postmarked MY 25 92.

The rate, and the deficiency, was 5 cents.

There is also a Penang "T" (taxe) mark in an inverted triangle. There are transit marks of Madras (2 June) and Tirupati (3 June) and an arrival mark of Chittoor (6 June 1892) on the reverse and an Indian boxed "Foreign Postage Due/ *ms*5 Annas *ms*— Pies" on the obverse.



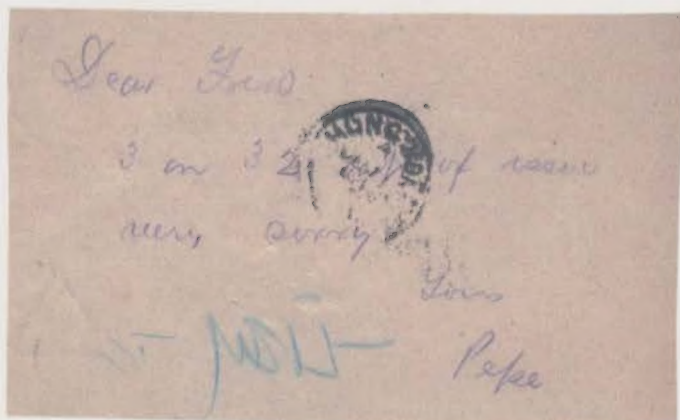
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Singapore

June 1894

Underpaid local 1 cent rate PSC from Singapore, Straits Settlements, Malaya to Hong Kong postmarked 5 June 1894. The rate was 3 cents and the deficiency was 2 cents.

There is also a Singapore "T" (taxe) mark in an inverted triangle and blue manuscript "10c" mark the deficiency in French centimes. On arrival in Hong Kong a large blue manuscript "4" was applied to denote the postage due collected and there is an arrival postmark of 11 June 1894.



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Singapore

July 1894

Old underpaid postcard at the former rate of 2 cents from Singapore, Straits Settlements, Malaya to Tokyo, Japan postmarked JY 13 94. The rate had been increased from 2 cents to 3 cents in 1893 so the deficiency was one cent.

There is a Singapore "T" (Taxe) mark in an inverted triangle with a blue manuscript "50" (marking the deficiency in French centimes) under a transit mark of Hong Kong of JY 19 94. On arrival in Japan a "DUE manuscript 2" in a circle and other marks were added one of which (in Japanese) translates as "Musashi Tokyo 27.7.29" (27 July 1894). The usual Japanese paper slip indicating postage due has become detached but there is a Japanese 2 sen postage stamp of 1883 used as a due confirming that postage due fee of 2 sen was raised.



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April 1896

Underpaid reply paid PSC (internal rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ Anna) from Bow-Bazar, Calcutta, India to Penang, Straits Settlements, Malaya postmarked AP 19 96. The rate was 1 Anna and the deficiency $\frac{3}{4}$ Anna. There is an Indian "T" (Tax) mark in a circle and a manuscript "C 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " to denote the deficiency in French centimes. There is a Penang arrival mark of AP 27 95 and a ~~blue~~ manuscript mark "2" indicating that postage due of 2 cents was charged.



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Singapore

May 1897

Underpaid one cent local rate PSC of 1891 from Singapore, Straits Settlements, Malaya to Saigon, French Indo-China postmarked 17 May 1897. The rate was 3 cents and the deficiency was 2 cents. There is a Singapore "T" (Taxe) mark in an inverted triangle and a blue manuscript "1/10" to indicate the deficiency in French centimes. The Saigon arrival mark is 23 May 1897 is on the reverse. Finally there is a French Colonies 10 centime postage due stamp of 1893.



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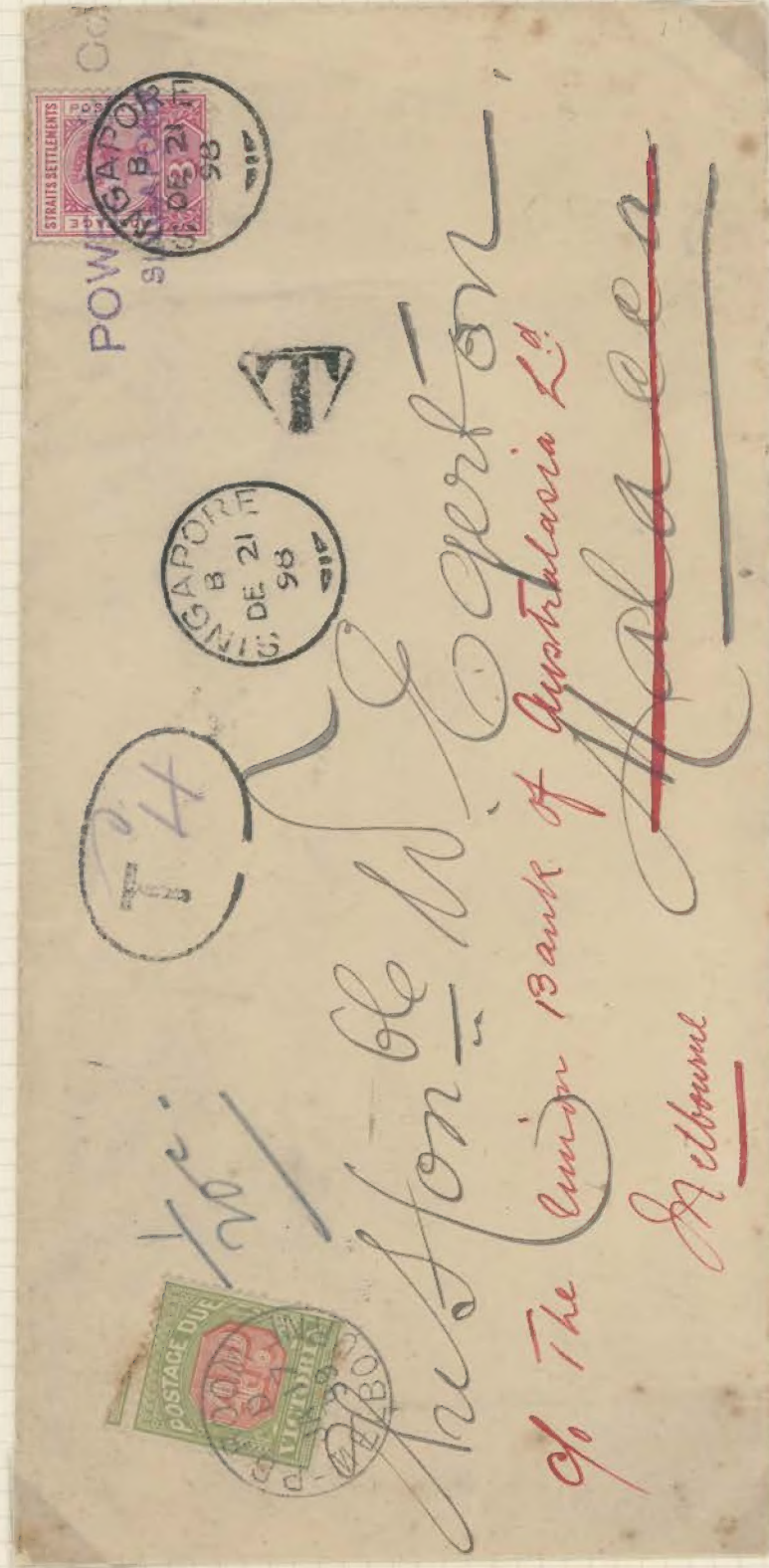
Singapore

December 1898/January 1899

Underpaid letter from Singapore initially to Malacca, Straits Settlements, Malaya postmarked DE 21 98 on a copy of the 3 cents of 1895. The envelope and stamp bear an imprint and a security "chop" respectively of Powell & Co of Singapore. The rate was 3 cents and the letter was correctly paid. The addressee, later to become Resident of Negri Sembilan, was in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and the item was redirected to him there from Singapore.

There is no evidence that the letter ever went as far as Malacca

On the obverse there is a Singapore "T" (Taxe) mark in an inverted triangle. The single deficiency was 5 cents (the rate being 8 cents) leading to a manuscript "1/20" meaning first weight step and a deficiency due of 20 French centimes. There is back stamp of Melbourne of JA 17 99. On arrival a T mark in an oval was applied with a manuscript "4d" inserted as well as a 4d postage due stamp of Victoria of 1897 postmarked P.B. Room the same day. The charge was incorrect as, under UPU rules, only a single deficiency of 2d was due. This was incorrectly doubled by Victoria.



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Singapore

July/August 1899

Internal rate one cent postcard of 1884 (therefore underpaid) from Singapore, Straits Settlements, Malaya to England postmarked JY 12 99. There is also a Singapore "T" (Tax) marking in an inverted triangle as well as a blue manuscript "1/5c" to denote the first weight step (for a letter) and the UPU unpaid postage in French centimes. The correct postage rates to England were

3 cents for a postcard and 4 cents for a letter.

On arrival in England two postage due markings were applied "I.B./ 1d" and "I.B./ 5d". The likelihood is that the 5d was originally charged as either a mistake for 5 centimes or more likely, in the light of the number of words in the message on the reverse, it was intended to charge as if the postcard was liable to the higher foreign letter rate. The original London destination was found to be incorrect so the item was redirected to Slough. The original destination produced a transit mark of East Dulwich of AU 14 99 and an arrival marking of Ascot of the same date.



The dress fits very nicely, thank you. I am wondering if it will be warm enough. It has only just come, & as they did not send it by parcel post, spite of your orders & my, beseeching, I weighed the parcel & found it was heavy. I have had to pay over 7/- instead of 2/- for P.P. The tradesmen are always anxious to send parcels by any way but P.P. hence my careful mention of date & If Dale will refund, keep it for the orphanage - tell them never to do it again!

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Singapore

October 1899

Underpaid letter from Singapore, Straits Settlements, Malaya to Weltevreden, Netherlands East Indies postmarked OCT 24 99 on a copy of the 2 cents of 1889. There is a Singapore "T" (Taxe) mark in an inverted triangle and a blue manuscript " $\frac{1}{20c}$ " to denote first weight step and the single deficiency in French centimes. The rate was 8 cents and the deficiency 6 cents.

In the Netherlands East Indies a transit mark of Batavia of 28 10 1899 was applied on the reverse. There are arrival marks of Weltevreden also of 28 10 1899 on the obverse and reverse, the former is on a 20 cents postage due stamp of the Netherlands East Indies to collect double the deficiency.



Hotel de l'Europe.

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December 1899/ February 1900

Underpaid letter from Tanjong Pagar, Singapore, Straits Settlements to Nannie, Georgia, USA postmarked DE 26 1899 on a horizontal pair of the "Four Cents" on 5 cents of March 1899. The rate was 8 cents per ½oz and, as this was a letter weighing between ½oz and 1oz, the deficiency was 8 cents.

Also on the obverse is a blue manuscript 2/25c to denote the 2nd weight step and a deficiency of 25 French centimes and a Tanjong Pagar "T" (Taxe) mark. There is a Singapore transit mark of DE 26 99 on the reverse. Also on the obverse is a binocular due mark "New York/ 3 February/ 1900/ Due 10 Cents" indicating postage due of 10 cents. On the reverse is the Nannie arrival mark of FEB 6 1900 together with a copy of the 1 cent and three copies of the 3 cents postage due stamps of 1879.

